

Thirty-eighth session  
FIFTH COMMITTEE  
Agenda item 109

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1984-1985

Revised estimates under section 15, United Nations Conference  
on Trade and Development, section 31, Staff assessment,  
and income section 1, Income from staff assessment

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (CPC) considered the revised estimates under section 15, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), 1/ during the second part of its twenty-third session and recommended that its report on the proposed programme budget of UNCTAD for 1984-1985, though only examined in a preliminary manner, should be drawn to the attention of the Trade and Development Board and to its Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget. The Committee also recommended that the Trade and Development Board and its Working Party should take measures to ensure that, in future, the proposed programme budget of UNCTAD and the relevant sections of the medium-term plan were reviewed by them before the Committee's regular scheduled sessions. The Committee regretted that, currently, it was not possible for it to undertake that examination.

2. The Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and Programme Budget of the Trade and Development Board considered the proposed programme budget of UNCTAD for the biennium 1984-1985 at its seventh session held in Geneva in October 1983 and adopted the draft agreed conclusions submitted by the Chairman. The Trade and Development Board subsequently took note of the conclusions of the Working Party. The draft agreed conclusions submitted by the Chairman are annexed to facilitate the Fifth Committee's consideration of the revised estimates under section 15, UNCTAD.

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Annex

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
Working Party on the Medium-term Plan  
and the Programme Budget  
Seventh session  
Geneva, 17 October 1983  
Agenda item 3

REVIEW OF THE UNCTAD PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR 1984-1985

Draft agreed conclusions submitted by the Chairman 1/

The Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget,

1. Declares that the proposed United Nations Programme Budget for the biennium 1984-1985 relating to UNCTAD should reflect all the pertinent resolutions and decisions taken by intergovernmental bodies and conferences of UNCTAD, in particular, at its sixth session;
2. Requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to report to the eighth session of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget on the intended redeployment of resources, including staff redeployment, that will be necessary to adequately implement the work programme deriving from relevant decisions and resolutions taken by intergovernmental bodies and conferences of UNCTAD in particular at its sixth session;
3. Further requests the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to present to the eighth session of the Working Party a comprehensive document on current programme and budgetary procedures within UNCTAD containing, inter alia: (a) an explanation of the existing procedures and practices; (b) the distribution of responsibilities throughout the UNCTAD secretariat for budget and programme matters, and (c) description of the existing internal mechanisms for budget and programme follow-up, and to make available to the Working Party the United Nations relevant rules of procedures;
4. Requests that the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, while ensuring the implementation of resolutions and decisions taken by intergovernmental bodies and conferences of UNCTAD, in particular at its sixth session, endeavour to make economies in the biennial budget 1984-1985 and report to the Working Party at its eighth session;

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5. Urges the next sessions of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget devoted to the examination of future Programme Budgets to take place well in advance of the corresponding meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

6. Expresses its gratitude to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD for the information given to the Working Party when it considered the UNCTAD section of the proposed United Nations Programme Budget for the biennium 1984-1985 and, at the same time, calls for increased clarity and elaboration in the presentation of the subprogrammes and programme elements when submitting the Programme Budget of UNCTAD for the biennium 1986-1987.

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